



Sunday June 19, 2022
Heart Purpose – The Power of Resolve

This is a simple inspirational message addressing the need to be people who have purposed in their hearts and made up their minds on the things God would have them pursue. This is a call to be resolute, relentless, and resilient in the things of God.

DANIEL PURPOSED IN HIS HEART

Daniel 1:8-9

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

Imagine Daniel and his friends in a foreign land. They would have been under a lot of pressure having been selected to be part of this special training program.

Yet, the Scriptures state that Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. This was according to the spiritual training he received as a Jewish young person.

We could restate the first part of this verse in many ways:

Daniel had decided...

Daniel made up his mind...

Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself...

Daniel chose not to...

Daniel was determined not to...

Despite the pressure, Daniel made a difficult choice and he stood by that.

DIVINE FAVOR SURROUNDS A GODLY RESOLVE

And we see the favor of God resting on Daniel, as he determined to stand by his convictions.

We can be sure that as we stand by our godly resolve, standing by our convictions, being resolute, determined, and firm, God will surround us with divine favor as well.



BEING IRRESOLUTE PRODUCES INSTABILITY

On the other hand, being irresolute, that is being someone who is fickle, not being firm in what we stand for, will obviously result in instability in our lives.

James 1:8

he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

In this simple sermon today, we want to bring encouragement to our hearts to be people of resolve.

Let's talk about this.

WHY ARE SUCH HEART PURPOSES IMPORTANT?

We will mention several reasons very quickly.

A, In resolving not to do things displeasing to God

If we are going to live holy lives in this world, stay away from the things that are displeasing to God, it begins with us purposing in our hearts – that we are going to be holy before God, at all times and at all costs.

We purpose in our hearts that we will not permit anything, sometimes even things that may seem 'ok' (or lawful) to control and dominate us.

1 Corinthians 6:12

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1 Corinthians 10:23

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

B, In walking in truth, we discover from the Word

We must purpose in our hearts that we will follow Jesus, follow His teaching, follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, at all costs. We must purpose in our hearts that we will do the Word we hear.



Acts 11:23

When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

C, In developing good, beneficial habits and lifestyle patterns

In many areas of life, we are all free to make our own decisions. For instance, if you wish to set aside a certain day to pray, or if you wish to maintain a certain spiritual discipline in your life, etc. this is entirely your choice. You can make your own mind up.

While there is no set rule for all of us to follow, once we make up our minds on how/what we choose to do, then we purpose in our hearts to live that way.

Romans 14:5

One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

D, In standing for truth in a compromised world

This is especially true when we are out there in the world (e.g. in school, college, workplace, etc.) and people around us are not necessarily interested in living in godliness or pursuing the things of God.

This is where we must purpose in our hearts to hold firm to the what we have in God.

Revelation 2:25

But hold fast what you have till I come.

Revelation 3:11

Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

E, In pursuing goals, objectives, and dreams

Similarly, if you set personal goals for yourself, you must purpose in your heart that you will go after those goals. Otherwise, those goals will remain just wishful thinking, just a fanciful dream or a plan on paper. They will never materialize.



HOW DO WE MAKE SUCH HEART PURPOSES?

Just a few practical pointers here on how we can make such quality decisions, where we can purpose in our hearts and stay with it.

A, Based on the instruction of God's Word and inner conviction

This is so powerful and meaningful for all of us. When we discover a truth or instruction from the Word of God and are personally convinced about it,

B, Based on personal priorities

Like we stated earlier, some decisions are your own, personal.

For example, you may choose not to spend much time on social media. That is a decision you make, for reasons that seem good to you.

C, Based on goals and objectives

Similarly, you would make heart purposes based on goals and objectives you have in your life.

HOW DO WE STAY WITH SUCH HEART PURPOSES?

All of us have had the experience of making decisions and then not staying with them. So let's go through some practical keys that will help us make heart purposes and then stay with such decisions.

1, Clarity

be clear about your heart purpose (why, what, how, when)

For example: I will not smoke cigarettes.

2, Commitment

stay with it through time and against all odds

You 'give yourself completely', you are fully committed to that heart purpose

1 Timothy 4:15

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

3, Draw strength from the Lord

We do not have to do this alone and in our own strength.



We draw strength from God.

We ask Him to work in us enabling us to do His will (Philippians 3:12).

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

4, Continued Reminders

We need to remind ourselves often of what we have purpose in our hearts.

Especially in the instruction and truth of the Word – we need to be reminded again and again, lest we forget.

You can come up with your own ways of setting up reminders. Perhaps listen to some of the sermons that you have heard in the past.

Revisit and meditate in certain Scriptures frequently.

Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

2 Peter 1:12-13

12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

5, Consistency

Doing something consistently helps make it a part of our routine and lifestyle.

If we are consistent, we stay with the momentum and build further.

With endurance we possess (take control of) our mind and emotions.

Luke 21:19

By your patience possess your souls.

MSG Staying with it—that's what is required. Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry; you'll be saved.

6, Communicate

Talk about your heart purpose with those who will understand.

Talking about your heart purpose is a form of accountability.

Where possible journey with someone else



Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up.

WHAT ARE YOUR HEART PURPOSES?

Be steadfast – firm and steady, be immovable in the things of God.
Set your heart on the things of God and be resolute.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

SALVATION CALL (BY YOUR FREE CHOICE AND FREE WILL)

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12

If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Daniel 1:8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:58*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Why are heart purposes, being resolute about certain things, important? Discuss the points mentioned in the sermon as well as other reasons you can think of.

- A, In resolving not to do things displeasing to God*
- B, In walking in truth, we discover from the Word*
- C, In developing good, beneficial habits and lifestyle patterns*
- D, In standing for truth in a compromised world*
- E, In pursuing goals, objectives, and dreams*



2, How do we stand by our heart purposes and stay with them through time? Discuss what was shared in the sermon. Think about other factors that can help us be resolute.

- 1, Clarity*
- 2, Commitment*
- 3, Draw strength from the Lord*
- 4, Continued Reminders*
- 5, Consistency*
- 6, Communicate*

3, What are some possible reasons, we quit on our heart purposes?

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

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SERMON OUTLINE

We need to live as people of conviction and resolve. We need to be resolute, relentless, and resilient in our standing for truth, godly lifestyle, godly standards and in pursuing our God-given call. This simple message helps us with practical keys to be people who stay firm with our heart purposes and have the power of resolve. We recognize that divine favor surrounds people with a godly resolve.

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